and suggest remedial action, has been undertaken. The proposal for setting up of AEZ for potato would be taken up for consideration on conclusion of the peer evaluation.

Survey to identify 'no industry' district

3061. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a survey to identify 'no industry' districts in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up joint ventures in these districts with the help of foreign Government to develop these districts; and

(d) if so, the names of foreign countries in collaboration with which joint-ventures have been set up in 'no industry' districts in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The All India Gradation List prepared by Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue on the basis of financial, infrastructural and industrial parameters has identified the following districts as "no industry" districts:

District	State
Godda, Gumla, Araria, Madhepura, Khagaria, Kishanganj, Madhubani, Jahanabad, Saharsa, Lohardaga	Bihar
Siddhartnagar, Maharajgunj	Uttar Pradesh
Uttarkashi, Chamoli	Uttaranchal
Barmer, Jaisalmer, Churu	Rajasthan
Chatarpur, Surguja	Madhya Pradesh
Cooch Behar, Bankura, Malda, Jalpaigudi	West Bengal
Kalahandi, Phulbani	Orissa
Wayanad, Idukki	Kerala

(c) and (d) After liberalization of the economy and introduction of new industrial policy of 1991 the role of Central Government has been transformed from direct intervention in the process of industrialization of backward areas through license controls to leaving investment decisions to the commercial perception. The initiative for industrial development of backward areas lies primarily with the State Governments. The State Governments have been operating various schemes for industrialization of their own backward areas. Government of India supplements their efforts to the extent possible.

Steps to increase India's Exports to US

3062. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US exports in India doubled over the last three years from 4 billion dollars to 7.5 billion dollars; and

(b) whether Government is taking any steps for increasing India's exports to US where there is a good market for Indian goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) During the three year period 2002-03 to 2004-05, US exports to India have increased from US$ 6.8 billion.

(b) It is a continuous endeavour of the Government to promote India's exports to the US through various trade promotion measures like working closely with the Export Promotion Councils and other apex trade organizations, participation in major trade fairs and specific trade promotion events, streamlining the information database to respond to trade enquiries in a timely and effective manner etc.

Industrial package to backward hill States

3063. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have given an Industrial Package to Industrially backward hill States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;